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Sent: Fri 7/7/2017 12:21:51 PM
Subject: RE: Media inquiry: TSCA new chemicals program update

Answers look good to me.

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OPA would like us to respond to this. I took a stab at some quick and dirty answers (in red). Please provide your suggestions by 10am Monday.

Thanks.
Begin forwarded message:

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Hi Amy,

I hope you're doing well and had a nice 4th of July. As we're about halfway through the timeframe during which EPA said it would eliminate the backlog of PMNs, I wanted to check in to see how the agency is progressing with the new chemicals program. Is EPA still on track to clear out the backlog by month's end? EPA's progress on reducing the backlog can be tracked here: <https://www.epa.gov/reviewing-new-chemicals-under-toxic-substances-control-act-tsca/statistics-new-chemicals-review>

I'd also be interested in any additional information you can share about the future of the program, including:

- are there plans to convene stakeholders for dialogue about how to improve / streamline the process? **Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**
- is there any guidance in the works for how EPA evaluates new chemicals under the reformed TSCA and how regulated parties should adapt their practices correspondingly? **Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**

- has the agency resumed use of non-5(e) SNURs? If so, any data on how many it has issued since passage of Lautenberg, or, if not, does it plan to begin doing so soon?

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

- any additional changes in the works regarding how the agency runs the new chemicals program in view of lessons learned in the first year, evolving interpretations of Lautenberg, etc.?

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

I don't have a firm deadline, but would like to run a story early next week so any comments you could provide by the week's end or early Monday would be most appreciated.

Thanks,

Kelly

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